

AL-IV-A-091

Form 10-445  
(5/62)

1. STATE <u>Maryland</u> COUNTY <u>Allegany</u> TOWN <u>Cumberland</u> VICINITY STREET NO.  ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE WALL CONSTRUCTION NO. OF STORIES	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <u>AL-51</u>  2. NAME <u>Blue Spring</u>  DATE OR PERIOD STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER  3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE
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4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION          	OPEN TO PUBLIC
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(23B.) Blue Spring

This abundant source of water played a vastly important role in the early days of Cumberland's settlement. Its location on Mechanic Street on the banks of Will's Creek placed it in the heart of the quickly developing Queen City. It served as the neighborhood supply of drinking water for both the residents and their animals. The spring doubled as a meeting place for the neighborhood as was true of similar places in almost every community in the late 18th and early 19th Centuries. Today the Blue Spring is still in existence, but it is not used as it was two hundred years ago. A recent flood control project has cut off the spring's natural outlet to Will's Creek, but it had been made into a small park and each year it is stocked with fish. It adds pleasant relief to this older, very busy section of the city. A marker telling of the early spring and its service to the community would assist the public in appreciating this little spot.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE	Endangered	Interior	Exterior
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Source: Historic Landmarks in Allegany County; a staff report by the Allegany County Planning & Zoning Commission, Cumberland, Maryland, Jan. 1965



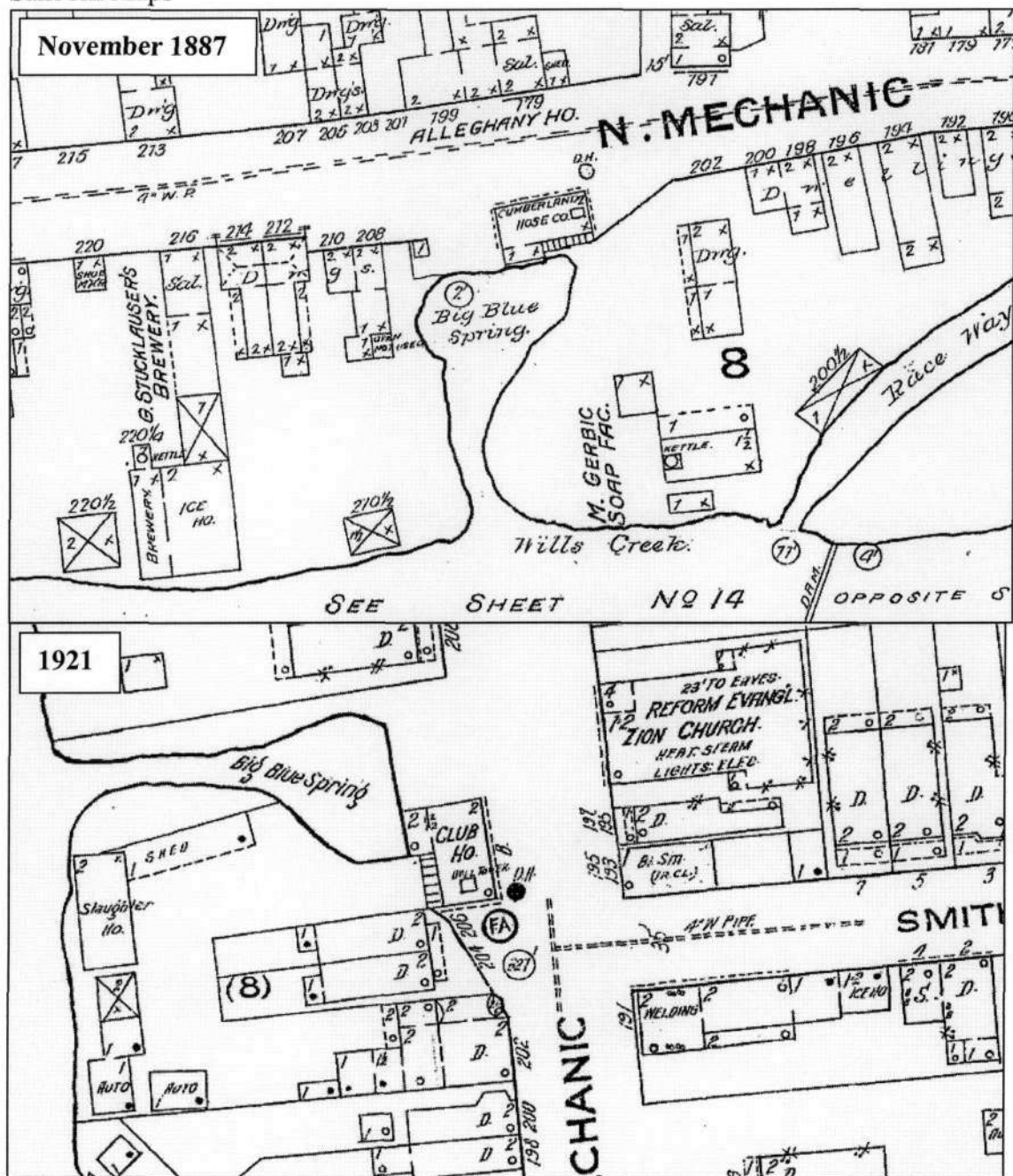
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.	9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER       DATE OF RECORD
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

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 Blue Spring  
 Mechanic Street, Cumberland  
 Sanborn Maps



AL-IV-A-091  
Blue Spring  
Mechanic Street, Cumberland  
Cumberland Quadrangle



1994-95 Aerial Photo



1998 Aerial Photo

